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Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and/or Applicant believes that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is incomplete.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the submitted references at least do not appear to teach or suggest the feature of a probe having a contact part, where the contact part has an edge part and a contact support part, where the edge part has a thickness that is less than the thickness of the contact support part, in combination with the other features of Applicant's independent claims.

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